

SENATOR WILL: I...I don't have the statutes in front of me, but I know that the way that the statutes are structured right now for liquor licensee's that have violations, and I'm not sure how far those violations extend, but I know violations relating to liquor, they typically are given a...a suspension by the Liquor Control Commission of a number of days, I think it's generally less than your amendment provides. But then they are allowed to pay a fine in lieu of that suspension. Would you envision that being the intent of your amendment, or would your amendment be a straight suspension with no in lieu of?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: A straight suspension with no in lieu of.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I think it was important to make sure that we understand what your intent is with this, since that's typically not the way that...that liquor violations are treated right now. In effect, Senator Chambers has returned to the argument that he made on General File, and that was a very strong argument in favor of the bill, which would...which would ban the vending machines altogether, basically. I think by...with this amendment, this would essentially negate the Moore amendment that was adopted on General File, because I know of no liquor licensee that would risk a...a 30 day suspension with no in lieu of fine in order to continue an operation. This, essentially, would ban the vending machines from any liquor licensee, because it's not going to be worth it to that liquor licensee to have a machine like that on the premises, risking a 30 day suspension, not even to mention the 6 months suspension that would be in place for...for a subsequent violation. I think that we made a choice on General File. And, obviously, if you agree with Senator Chambers' amendment here, you are saying that the choice we made on General File in adopting the Moore amendment was the incorrect thing to do. Probably the better course, if that's the choice that the body wants to make, is to return to the original language of the bill, to return to the straight out ban on vending machines, if you accept the argument that...that a vending machine simply does make it so...so tempting for a minor, so easy for a minor to have access to cigarettes. And...and I don't know, Senator Chambers, I certainly am not here saying that I agree with any advertising targeting that's going on of minors. I'm not...I'm not saying that I would like to see any minor get a hold of cigarettes. Obviously, it's a very addictive habit. It's a habit that I think, in the end, is probably worse than a...worse